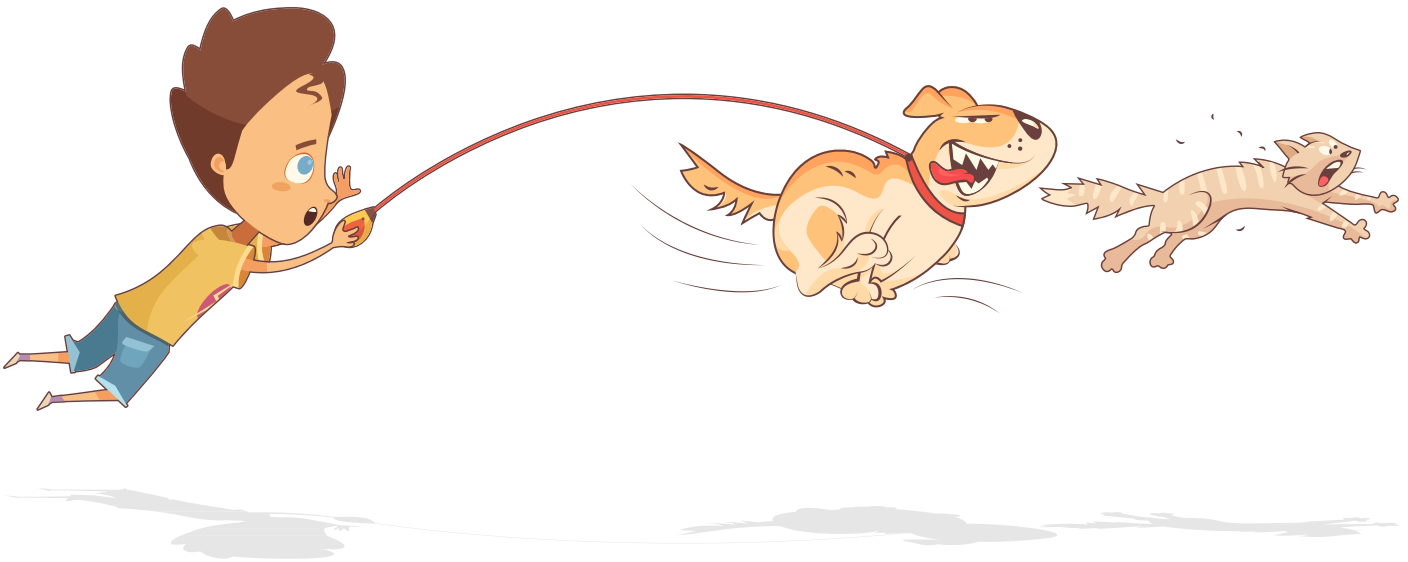




He decided that dog walking was just **not his cup of tea**.



Mean business

to be serious

- One of them pointed a gun at me. I could see he **meant business**.
- Mom sounded like she **means business**, so you better clean your room.
- Iran knows we **mean business** and they'll behave better.

A nosey parker

A nosey parker is someone who wants to know too much about other people

- Olive is such **a nosey parker**! She likes to spy on her neighbors.

Involvement and interest



(Poke/stick) your nose into something **Keep your nose out of something**

to involve yourself in something that is not your business

- Don't **poke your nose into my business**. I don't need your help.
- Nancy **keeps her nose out of everybody's business**. That's what I like most about her.
- So, this has to be one of the best jobs in the world. Mostly, I have the freedom to **poke my nose into almost everything** and learn.

Steer clear of something

to avoid someone or something on purpose

- If you have dry skin, you should **steer clear of soap**.
- Try to **steer clear of the boss** today, he is yelling at everyone he sees.
- It seems like every time we get near change; we **steer clear of change**.

Try your hand at something

to try something new or try something for the first time

- I need a new hobby. Maybe I'll **try my hand at painting**!
- I told my teacher, who was himself a translator, that I wanted to **try my hand at translation**.

Involvement and interest



Up to your ears

if you are up to your ears in work or in an unpleasant situation, you are very busy with it or are deeply involved in it

- There's no way I can take a vacation right now, I'm **up to my ears** in work.
- Sorry guys, I can't come out this evening. I'm **up to my ears** in homework.

Whet someone's appetite

if something whets your appetite for a specific thing, it makes you want it. It creates the desire and the interest in you.

- The first chapter of that book really **whetted my appetite**. I'm looking forward to reading more of it tonight.
- I can only hope I've **whet your appetite** to go out and see and learn more.

Your heart isn't in something

if your heart isn't in something you are doing, you are not passionate about it. You are not very interested in it

- She was a good teacher, popular with her students, but **her heart wasn't in it**.

Involvement and interest